(c) & (d) To one of the vacant seats on the Dharmapuri taluk board, M.R.Ry. K. Venkatraman Avargal, a member of the depressed classes, has been appointed.

Communal representation in Narayanadeverakeri union board.

* 285 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) how many Brahmans, non-Brahmans or Christians or Muhammadans or Adi-Dravidas were nominated to the Narayanadeverakeri union board, Hospet taluk, Bellary district, by the president of the Hospet taluk board;

(b) when the nominations were made last;

(c) whether it is a fact that one Adi-Dravida Mr. Kalli Hanumappa of Narayanadevarakeri has already applied to the president, taluk board, for one of the nominated seats; if so, with what results; and

(d) if the Government have no information with reference to clauses (a), (b) and (c), whether they will be pleased to call for the information?

A.—(a) & (b) A list [a] of members of the Narayanadevarakeri union board with dates of joining it is laid on the table.

(c) The answer is in the affirmative; the person named has been appointed as a member of the board.

Establishment of a free reading room at Tirupati.

* 286 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that after cancelling the Collector's order refusing to give sanction to the resolution regarding the establishment of a free reading room at Tirupati, the Government refused to give their sanction to the reading room;

(b) whether it is a fact that the municipal council requested the Government to reconsider their order;

(c) whether the municipal council again requested the Government to sanction at least the amount bona fide spent up to the time of refusal by the Government to sanction the reading room and the Government refused to do even this;

(d) whether the audit department has now asked the councillors concerned to pay the sum spent for the reading room which is only Rs. 10-6-0;

(e) whether the municipal councillors have refused to do this and a suit is to be filed regarding the same; and

(f) whether the Government have any objection to reconsider the matter at least now and sanction the petty sum spent by the municipality bona fide in view of the fact that the Government cancelled the Collector's order?

A.—(a) The Collector did not refuse to sanction the expenditure. He suspended the resolution under section 36 (2) of the District Municipalities Act. Such suspension is proper only when the public interest is in immediate danger and was cancelled by the Government who at the same time informed the council that the Government's previous sanction was required before any money was spent under the resolution.

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 543 infra.